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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

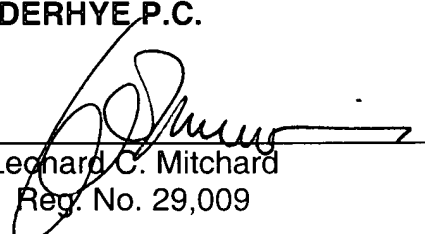
In response to the Official Action mailed December 17, 2002 and the requirement for restriction presented in it, applicants elect the subject matter of Group I, namely claims 1, 2-6, 14-20 and 28-31.

An examination on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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